

am introducing the Welfare Integrity Act of 2011. This legislation is a step toward eliminating abuse of taxpayer money by requiring all state receiving funds from the TANF program to certify they are testing applicants and current recipients for illegal drug use.

Americans are generous in providing assistance to those in need, but they also expect their tax dollars to be used in a responsible manner. Welfare assistance is meant to help those going through hard financial times to buy food and basic living expenses for their families. It's not too much to ask folks to keep clean in order to receive federal assistance.

Mr Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House to support me in passing the Welfare Integrity Act of 2011 to eliminate abuse and take a step toward commonsense.

RECOGNIZING DR. MICHAEL  
LEMOLE

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Michael Lemole, who is being honored this year by the National Library of Medicine and Friends of the National Library of Medicine for his lifetime of achievement in medicine and neurosurgery.

Dr. Lemole is one of the exemplary medical professionals who cared for our colleague, Congresswoman GABRIELLE GIFFORDS, following the January 8th shooting in Tucson, Arizona.

The National Library of Medicine and the Friends of the National Library of Medicine are organizations dedicated to improving health and health care through the dissemination of accurate and quality medical information to medical practitioners and researchers.

They have chosen to recognize Dr. Lemole this year for his outstanding commitment to these values, his exemplary career in the field of neurosurgery, and his skillful actions that helped to save the life of Congresswoman GIFFORDS on January 8, 2011.

Dr. Lemole's career reflects a physician at the pinnacle of his profession.

He pursued specialty training as a Cushing Clinical Fellow, a distinction awarded by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

He has published more than 30 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, and is a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, and the North American Skull Base Society.

He was honored as a Top Doctor by US News and World Report in 2011, was named the 2011 Doctor of the Year by the Pima County Medical Society, and, in 2009, was named a Top Surgeon by the Consumer Research Council for America.

Additionally, Dr. Lemole has served his country as a flight surgeon with the United States Air Force Reserve in the 944th ASTS at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona. He was recently named the honorary commander of the 355th Medical Group, based at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona.

Dr. Lemole's assiduous commitment to his work, his vocation, his community, and his country led him to the top of the medical world. It also leads him to save lives, both with his hands and his contributions to the field of neurosurgery.

We thank him for his efforts to save the life of our friend and colleague, Congresswoman GIFFORDS, and for a career dedicated to the healing of people.

Congratulations to Dr. Lemole for a deserved recognition.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National School Lunch Week to express my appreciation to the thousands of people in the great state of California who work tirelessly to ensure that children are fed nutritious meals in school.

During times of limited resources, these professionals are working to provide high quality meals to all students.

I applaud Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack for the USDA's efforts to improve child nutrition programs.

Yet I also wish to express my concerns regarding the recently proposed regulations for school meal standards.

I fear the proposed regulations will increase costs to hard-pressed school districts beyond what can reasonably be managed.

The result may be that schools will reduce access to nutritious meals because they simply can't afford to provide them.

Of equal concern is the great number of unknowns about the impacts of the proposal—including how it will impact school meal costs, participation, and access.

I urge the Secretary to take this into consideration and allow flexibility during this regulatory process.

We must all closely monitor the progress made by schools, and the effectiveness of the new rules on the health and well-being of America's children moving forward.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DENVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Denville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary located in Morris County, New Jersey as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary.

In 1936, in response to the ever-growing Denville Fire Department, the Ladies Auxiliary was established to provide support. Over the years, they have proven to be an indispensable adjunct to the department.

In the early years, the women of the Auxiliary would go to the scene of fires to provide refreshments to the firefighters. In addition, they also dedicated much time and energy to raising funds for the fledgling fire department. Many parties, raffles and door-to-door canvassing, among other things, were undertaken by the women to help pay for equipment.

An especially notable incident was in the 1980s. Several dozen motorists became trapped on a major highway due to a major snowstorm. After rescue, the stranded motorists were housed at one of the department's fire houses and were fed and cared for by the ladies auxiliary for over a two-day period. Recently, members of the Auxiliary and Fire Department responded to the needs of the victims of Hurricane Irene and its aftermath.

Oftentimes, less visible organizations can go unnoticed. While the Denville Fire Department no doubt provides an invaluable resource to its community and its members sacrifice much of their time to protect others, the behind-the-scenes support of the Ladies Auxiliary helps make everything the department does possible. Their time and efforts are most appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Denville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary as they celebrate 75 years of unwavering dedication.